GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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CONFERENCE OF DISTT. COLLECTORS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had convened a Conference of District Collectors of all the States in May, 2005 to streamline administration at the grass root level;

(b) if so, the directives issued by the Government to them to tone up the administration; and

(c) the mechanism that has been devised to monitor the progress of implementation of the massive rural programmes and fix the responsibilities of the officials who fail to meet the targets within the stipulated time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The National conference of District Collectors was convened in New Delhi on 19-20 May, 2005 focusing on governance issues and improvement of delivery systems at the district level. Prime Minister called upon the Collectors to discharge their duties with competence especially towards the poor, the weaker sections, minorities, women and scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes and all such disadvantaged people who need support of the State.

(e): Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of rural development schemes through regular field visits, reviewing periodic progress reports from the State Governments and Concurrent and Quick Evaluation of programmes. Vigilance & Monitoring Committees, with greater role for Members of Parliament, are also being reconstituted at State and District levels. A panel of National Level Monitors has been prepared to monitor implementation of the programes at the grassroot level. A new initiative of District Level Monitoring in 126 districts in 25 States through locally based independent, external agencies has also been taken.